

How to Restore Our Constitutional Republic

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It won't be easy. This country is so far down the road to socialism--government control of just about everything--that it will take a mammoth effort to simply get the federal government to go in the opposite direction, back to the kind of government bequeathed us by the Founding Fathers.

Just for starters, we have a horrendous income tax system that requires six large volumes comprising 93,000 pages to spell out all of its regulations. That alone keeps an army of lawyers and accountants busy advising the taxpaying public on how to stay out of jail for failure to properly support our obese government.

Then we have a government owned and operated public school system that cannot even teach most of its students to read. But the idea of privatizing the system creates hysterical opposition not only from the teachers' unions but also from parents who have been dumbed down by the very system they entrust their children to.

If we really want to restore our Constitutional Republic we shall have to get rid of the U.S. Department of Education, which was created by the Carter administration to please the teachers' unions. The federal government should not be involved in education at all. The word education is not even in the Constitution.

We then have a government retirement system, called Social Security, which is no more than a gigantic Ponzi scheme in which taxes for the system are spent by the federal government, which then issues Treasury IOUs to the system that must be made good by additional taxes. In other words, there is no money in the Social Security Trust Fund, only paper IOUs.

There are dozens of government bureaus and programs that should be eliminated because they are not productive of anything but bureaucratic regulation. Our federal government funds the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Planned Parenthood, National Public Radio, just to name a few entities that rely on the taxpayer for support. Nowhere in the Constitution does it state that the federal government should be involved in any such cultural or clinical institutions.

Nor should the federal government be involved in a War Against Poverty, since we know that such wars never achieve their vaunted ends. We have as much poverty today as we did when we started the war. The main beneficiaries of the war have been the small army of bureaucrats who administer the program.

And of course our federal government has had to borrow billions of dollars to fund all of their intrusive programs. In other words, we don't have the money to support a socialist government. As a result we have a national debt of \$14.19 trillion. Half of the revenue the government takes in now goes to paying the interest on the debt. \$2.2 trillion of that debt is owed to the Social Security Trust Fund. Over a trillion of it is owed to China.

Never has a national government shown more fiscal irresponsibility than our own. And the present socialist occupant of the White House strongly objects to any conservative attempts to cut federal spending, as modest as they may be. The howls from liberal Democrats are just a sample of the war that will be fought in Congress between conservatives and liberal-socialists in the coming years.

The last thing the liberal-socialists want is to lose all the power they have gained to socialize America. And the last thing they want is the restoration of our Constitutional Republic. They spent years, with the complicity of silent Republicans, driving up the cost of government by adding entitlements and programs that would make the American people totally dependent on government for their well-being. And with the Obama administration they reached the point where they thought they could finally impose socialism on America.

But a funny thing happened on the way to socialism: the awakening of the American people and the spontaneous formation of the Tea Party movement. Of course, like all well-schooled socialists and communists, they knew that an opposition would rise up. And they were prepared to resist it, with the help of their Community Organizers, government employee unions, and other thugs. In Wisconsin we saw the raw ferocity of the mobs who will fight for socialism, as they say, to the last drop of their blood. Death threats are now part of their arsenal.

But what all of that has done is make Americans aware of what the socialists will be like once they achieve total power. Thus Americans have no choice. It's either freedom or despotism, and never have the stakes been so clearly delineated. Many Americans now realize what the progressives have been doing to them for the last hundred years, but they now also realize that restoring the republic will take courage, patience, and determination. We got a good sample of that patience, determination and courage from Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin. He hanged tough, despite the mobs and the threats, and won. Republicans in Congress must do the same.

Our position is simple: Any act by elected officials that is repugnant to a Constitution is not to be tolerated by the People. We are a Nation ruled by Law, not Man or Whim. If we do not like what our Constitutions require, there are provisions in them for amending their principles, prohibitions, restrictions or mandates. The process of changing our Constitutions by having our elected officials ignore their provisions, usurp the power of the People and abuse their power must be reversed.

The point is, those wielding governmental power must be constantly watched and made to obey our founding documents, for each and every violation has a devastating impact on our States, the Nation, our People, our economy and our reputation.